

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
July 13, 2005**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central Time
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mountain Time**

**DDN sites: Aberdeen, Winner , Timberlake
Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish**

Members Present:

Judy Hoscheid, Stephanie Krusemark, Donna Olivier, Revi Warne, Mary Livermont, Karla Schlosser

Aberdeen DDN - Byron Peterson
Sioux Falls DDN – Roz Goodwin
Rapid City DDN – Anne Reddy
Spearfish DDN- David Calhoon
Winner DDN –DiVina Baker
Timberlake DDN– Monica Mayer

Members Absent:

Patricia Monson, Barb Hemmelman, Erin Horstmeyer, Laura Johnson Frame, Casey Murschel

Birth to Three Staff Present

Sherrie Fines, Jan Elsing, Crystal Goeden, Merle Doolittle

Others Present:

CJ Moit

Call to Order:

Chair person Donna Olivier officially called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. CST

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes from April 20, 2005 were reviewed. Judy Hoscheid moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Stacey Krusemark. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Primary Service Provider Model**

Crystal Goeden – Birth to 3 Connections Education Program Specialist provided an update on the Primary Service Model. Medicaid billing for services of more than one provider working with the same child was discussed at the April meeting. Medicaid confirmed that only one provider will be paid for a service if more than one provider was serving a child at the same time.

The Birth to 3 Connections program will need to decide what steps to take for informing providers if they choose to use this model. If the child is Part C may have to pay instead of Medicaid, beings we are the payor of last resort. Schools will also have to be informed of this.

In the future, if we can show that more than one provider serving a child at the same time is cost effective....Medicaid might change their rule language and possibly give

permission to approve payment. We will have to check on how widely used the model is... in order to obtain enough data for support.

- **Update on the Eligibility workgroup**

Birth to 3 Connections Eligibility Evaluation Work Group met in Pierre on June 30, 2005 to discuss the impact of IDEA reauthorization on Part C. Proposed regulations have not been put out for comment at this time. It is expected that will occur late this summer with the final regulations scheduled to come out in December. The changes in Public Law 108-446 language that we discussed at this workgroup was regarding developmental delay.

SS 633(1) A rigorous definition of the term ‘developmental delay’ that will be used by the State in carrying out programs under this part in order to appropriately identify infants and toddlers with disabilities that are in need of services under this part.

Our federal consultant, Sharon Walsh joined the group via conference call and explained that it appears the federal intent with the word rigorous is that they want State’s to have a broad definition of eligibility. The National Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) has divided the definitions into 3 categories; (1) broad, (2) moderate, and (3) restrictive. South Dakota’s definition as it currently reads fits into the broad category. That is the good news. We may not have to change anything to meet federal requirements regarding “rigorous”.

The workgroup discussed the psychometrics of our current definition of developmental delay. Using age equivalent as one of the criteria for eligibility is no longer considered best practice by psychometricians and test developers. We considered the possibilities and ramifications of removing age equivalent language from our ARSD rule language regarding children eligible for services. We also discussed clarifying the physical development language in the ARSD rule language regarding areas manifesting developmental delay. Federal regulation at the time these rules were adopted allowed State’s to determine their own requirements. As a result there is a wide variety of eligibility from State to State.

The workgroup asked state Part C staff for data regarding how many of the children on active IFSPs were made eligible under each of the current eligibility categories. The results are summarized in the following chart:

Year	Total # of children	Standard Deviation		Age Equivalence		Informed Clinical Opinion		Medical Diagnosis	
Up to 07/01/2005	852	628 children	73%	128 children	15%	14 children	2%	82 children	10%
12/2004	897	702 children	78%	112 children	12%	10 children	1%	73 children	8%
12/2003	830	722 children	87%	48 children	6%	6 children	.7%	54 children	6%

The workgroup consists of 17 members from a variety of perspectives across the state: Fern Barnett, school district evaluator and service provider; Barb Boltjes, DOE Education Specialist for Part B; Rich Jankord, CJ Moit, and Mary Fitzpatrick, Birth to 3 Connections service coordinators; David Calhoon, SICC and Higher Education personnel preparation; Kim Goodfellow, SD Association of School Psychologists; Roz Goodwin, SICC and private provider; Barb Hemmelman, SICC, and Department of Health CSHS program; Deb Muilenburg-Wilson, Sioux Falls School District Early Childhood Director; Donna Oliver, SICC and Department of Human Services Family Support Program; Karla Schlosser, SICC

parent representative; Stephanie Weideman, Department of Education Assessment Team; Sherrie Fines, Crystal Goeden, and Jan Elsing, State Part C staff.

The workgroup will reconvene to provide further input after the final federal regulations are available.

- **Idea 2004 Update**

Sherrie Fines Director for the Birth to 3 Connections shared with the members that the draft regulation for Part C is not available at this time.

New Business

- Guest speaker C.J..Moit – Service Coordinator for Easter Seals. C.J. gave insight as to the life of a Service Coordinator.
- Sherrie Fines gave the members a copy of the Executive Order 2005-07.
- Sherrie Fines discussed the IDEA 2004 requirement with the increased ICC membership that has added the following members:
 - Department of Education Homeless contact - Laura Johnson Frame
 - Department of Human Services – Mental Health – Revi Warne
 - Department of Social Service – State Foster Care – Mary Livermont
- Donna shared with the members the letter of resignation from Sandi Carstenson with the SD Division of Insurance. The new contact with SD Division of Insurance will be Cathy Holden.
- The new Birth to 3 poster was shared with the members. The Birth to 3 poster and the other marketing materials was sent to wide variety of contacts to market the program in the different areas in the state.
- The State Application was shared with the members. The State Application was sent to the Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) before May 2, 2005. Notice of Public Availability/Participation was in the following papers (Huron – Plainsman, SF Argus Leader, Aberdeen American News, Rapid City Journal, Pierre- Capitol Journal, Lakota, Flandreau – Dakota Journal) listed the DOE website (<http://www.doe.sd.gov>) with the Part C State Application.
 - Did receive a notice back form OSEP with the State Application on the following – “Assistive Technical Advice – exception the term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted or replaced” that was in the interagency agreement with DOH, DHS, DSS, and DOE. A memo to providers was sent concerning this information and to let them know that about the available funding with cochlear implants for children with Department of Human Services (HB 1158).
- The Department of Education, Birth to 3 Connections has received the federal funding for 2005-2006 so we know the application was accepted by OSEP.

- The State Performance Report with the Birth to 3 Connections will be due December 2, 2005. The State Performance Report will be providing measurable and rigorous target for the next six years with the Birth to 3 Connections program. The plan will be available on the DOE website later this fall for public availability. There will be a Stakeholders Meeting including the SICC member to provide board input with the State Performance Report. On October 20th & 21st 2005 will be the SICC meeting following the Stakeholder meeting in Pierre.

Meeting Adjourned- motion by Stephanie Krusemark and second by Karla Scholsser.
Meeting adjourned.